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In re application of:
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For: Imprinting Tools and Method for Printed
Circuit Boards and Assemblies

Art Unit: 2854

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the Election / Restriction Requirement under 35 USC §121 dated July 1, 2005 for the subject patent application.

The Examiner requires Applicant to elect a single invention identified by the Examiner. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the application into the following inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-12 and 14-18, drawn to an embossing tool or apparatus, classified in 101, subclass 3.1;
- Group II: Claims 13, 19, 20 and 24, drawn to a method for fabricating an embossing tool, classified in class 29, subclass 825; and
- Group III: Claims 21-23, drawn to a method for preventing compaction or distortion of an imprinting material, classified in class 101, subclass 483.

Applicant hereby elects Group I: Claims 1-12 and 14-18 for further prosecution, without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the remaining non-elected claims in one or more subsequent divisional applications.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number listed below if any matter can be solved by telephone.

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